Statement-II

Details of stations recording lowest temperatures during January & February

SI. No.	Station	2008 Observations		Previous Record	
		Minimum Temperature	Date/month	Previous record	Date of record
1.	Patiala	-0.9	24 January	0.0	17 Jan, 1962
2.	Ranchi	32	1 January	4.4	17 January 1974
3.	Jamshedpur	4.8	2 January	5.0	5 January 1963
4.	Kota	13	26 January	1.8	11 January 1967
5.	Naliya	0.4	7 February	2.5	7 February 1974
6.	Ranchi	3i	2 February	4.3	7 February 2008
7.	Kolhapur	8.8	9 February	93	13 February 1961
8.	Harnai	132	9 February	13.8	11 February 1950

Technology to forecast cloud-burst

3911. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that every year a huge loss to life and property is caused in Himachal Pradesh due to cloud-bursts which lead to flash floods in different parts of the State;

if so, whether Government is working on the lines of development of a technology to forecast a cloud burst;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) India Meteorological Department, as a part of its modernization programme, is considering to install a Doppler Weather Radar at Shimla and a network of Automatic Weather Stations in the region for monitoring cloud burst. These along with appropriate numerical weather forecasting models will help in forecasting the cloud bursts.

Declaring Sammakka-Saralamma jatara a National Festival

3912. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara is being held at Medaram, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh, annually and attracted 80 lakh devotees in the month of February, 2008 from all over the country;

in view of its significance for the tribal people of the country, will the Government declare it as a national festival;

if so, by when; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing activities of extremists and terrorists

f3913. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the activities being carried out by the extremists, terrorists and anti-nationals are constantly increasing in the country;

whether it is a fact that their activities in the States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand have increased so much that they are extorting money even from the local people and employees;

whether it is a also **a** fact that no action is taken even after giving information on the contrary they are informed about it; and

if so, the action proposed in the direction of doing away with this terror?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) It is not a fact that the activities of extremists, terrorists and anti-national elements are increasing in the country. There is a significant improvement in the situation in Jammu *&* Kashmir. In the North Eastern region, there is considerable improvement in the situation in some States such as Tripura and Meghalaya, while co-ordinated measures have been -taken to check and control activities of militant groups in the other States in the region *viz.,* Assam, Manipur and Nagaland. In the naxal affected areas also the overall level of extremist violence has, more or less, remained at a similar level in the last few years and, has in fact, shown improvement in a number of areas but for a few major incidents in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand etc.

As far as terrorism in the hinterland is concerned, although some incidents have occurred in different States, close coordination is being maintained between the Central and State agencies, including regular sharing of information and intelligence. As a result, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible major terrorist incidents averted.

(b) to (d) Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various aspects/issues related to extremist/terrorist/Naxalite activities in a State primarily lies in the domain of the concerned State Government, and taking steps as appropriate and necessary is a continuous process. Crime related to extortion, etc., is registered, investigated and prosecuted by the State Government.

Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with such activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures

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